

(a) whether there is any proposal from the Government of Nepal to give electricity to India;

(b) if so, the salient features of this proposal; and

(c) whether World Bank is agreeable to finance this project and if not, the sources from which the cost on this project will be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. At present there is no specific proposal from the Government of Nepal to give electricity to India. However, talks have been going on between India and Nepal on the utilisation of water resources for different purposes including power generation in the mutual interest. So far agreement has been reached only on undertaking feasibility studies for Karnali Project. World Bank have agreed to finance the feasibility studies and preparation of a feasibility report. India has indicated its willingness in principle, to purchase surplus power from this project.

#### Strike in Maruti Udyog Ltd.

575. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a labour strike in Maruti Udyog Ltd. in the month of June 1986;

(b) whether the strike has since been called off;

(c) the number of workers suspended or dismissed from service;

(d) whether production during the strike period suffered; and

(e) if so, the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTER-

PRISES (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, a few workers resorted to slow down and sabotage for about a week in June, 1986.

(c) Five workers were placed under suspension and charge sheeted for these acts.

(d) and (e). This sabotage and go slow led to a shortfall in production by about a thousand vehicles.

#### S. T. D. facility in Kozhencherry and Kattappana in Kerala

576 PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of proposed expansion of telecommunication facilities in the Pathanamthitta and Idukki districts during the Seventh Plan; and

(b) the time by which STD facility will be provided at Kozhencherry and Kattappana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The details are given in the statement given below.

(b) Kozhencherry and Kattappana have not been planned for STD facilities during 7th Plan period.

#### Statement

*Details of Telecommunication expansion schemes proposed during 7th Plan subject to availability of stores and resources*

#### (a) Idduki District

Two new exchanges have been opened and 3 more are proposed to be opened in the remaining period of 7th Plan.

Ten exchanges have been expanded so far adding a total capacity of 406 lines. In

addition it is proposed to expand the following exchanges,

1. Katappana	200 to 300 lines
2. Thodupuzha	800 to 900 lines
3. Vandiparier	90 line MAX III to 200 lines MAX II
4. Chelachuvadu	9 to 25 lines
5. Arikuzha	9 to 25 lines
6. Anchiri	35 to 90 lines
7. Chittirapuram	35 to 45 lines
8. Kaloor	35 to 45 lines
9. Kodikulam	35 to 45 lines
10. Upputhara	35 to 35 lines
11. Elappara	45 to 90 lines

**(b) Pathanamthitta**

9 exchanges have been expanded so far adding a total capacity of 335 lines. In addition it is proposed to expand the following exchanges :

1. Adoor	300 to 600 lines
2. Konni	90 to 200 MAX-II
3. Kumbanad	200 to 400 lines
4. Kunnamthannam	90 to 200 lines MAX-II
5. Pandalam	200 to 400 lines
6. Pathanamthitta	600 to 700 lines
7. Ranni	300 to 400 lines
8. Tiruvalla	1000 to 1300 lines
9. Thannithoda	25 to 35

**NSD Service**

1. Thodupuzha connected to NSD during 1985-86.
2. Pathanamthitta district headquarter is proposed to be connected to NSD provided transmission medium is ready.

**Transmission systems**

1. Idduki—Mannar 60 Chl UHF—already working
2. Idduki—Paipara TF 48 Ernakulam—already working

3. Pathanamthitta—Kottayam—60 channel UHF under execution.

4. 3—PCM Systems in Pathanamthitta Districts are planned.

In addition

22—8 Chl Systems	Idduki District
25—3 Chl Systems	
22—8 Chl Systems	Pathanamthitta
23—3 Chl Systems	District

have been approved

**Telex Exchange**

Telex exchanges are proposed to be installed at Pathanamthitta and Idduki district during 7th Plan subject to demands coming up there to justify Telex Exchanges facility.

**Import of sets of mobile telephones**

577. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to import sets of mobile telephones to clear the waiting list and meet the future needs for the mobile radio telephone service in Delhi;

(b) whether equipment was procured by the Telecommunication Research Centre for its experimental project from a US firm;

(c) if so, the details regarding its performance; and

(d) the details regarding the plan of Government so far as the question of private subscribers and Government's quota is concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to import 200 Nos. of Radio Mobile Telephone Units.

(b) Yes, Sir. The equipment was earlier imported from M/s. Motorola Inc. U.S.A.

(c) There are 58 mobile Telephones working and the performance of this mobile